IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming device, comprising:

an identification information reading part reading identification information of a document;

an operation requirement selection part selecting at least one operation requirement specified according to said identification information; and

an operation control part controlling an execution of a predetermined operation to be performed on the document according to the operation requirement selected by said operation requirement selection part.

Claim 2 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operation requirement is a requirement regarding security for said document.

Claim 3 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined operation is forming an image by electronic data.

Claim 4 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined operation is printing said document on a paper.

Claim 5 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said identification information reading part includes:

an identification information recognition part recognizing data acquired by performing a predetermined reading operation with respect to said document, as said identification information;

a document profile management part relating and managing said identification

information and a document profile; and

a document profile acquisition part acquiring said document profile related to said

identification information recognized by said identification information recognition part by

referring to said document profile management part.

Claim 6 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said

predetermined reading operation reads either a bar code, a two-dimensional code or a

magnetic code printed on said document, or an RFID provided on said document so as to

recognize the read data as said identification information when said document is a paper.

Claim 7 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said

predetermined reading operation recognizes either a bar code, a two-dimensional code,

numerical information, text information or a dot pattern from electronic image data generated

by reading said document, as said identification information.

Claim 8 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, further

comprising a user profile acquisition part acquiring a user profile, including a user category

and a user security level, regarding a user requesting said predetermined operation.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The image forming device as claimed in claim 8,

wherein said user profile acquisition part includes:

a user identification information acquisition part acquiring user identification

information identifying said user from said another user;

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a user profile management part relating and managing said user identification information and said user profile;

a user authentication part authenticating said user according to said user identification information; and

a user profile reading part acquiring said user profile related to said user identification information acquired by said user identification information acquisition part by referring to said user profile management part according to a result of the authentication by said user authentication part.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The image forming device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said user profile acquisition part includes:

a user identification information acquisition part acquiring user identification information identifying said user from ~~said~~ another user; and

a user profile request part requesting said user profile from an external server authenticating said user and providing said user profile.

Claim 11 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an operation requirement judgment part judging whether or not said operation requirement is feasible; and

an operation prohibition part prohibiting said predetermined operation when a result of the judgment by said operation requirement judgment part indicates that said operation requirement is not feasible.

Claim 12 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operation requirement requires embedding an electronic watermark upon executing said predetermined operation with respect to said document.

Claim 13 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operation requirement requires embedding a displayable label upon executing said predetermined operation with respect to said document.

Claim 14 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said operation requirement requires embedding a displayable label upon executing said predetermined operation with respect to said document, and

said displayable label contains at least authentication data of said user requesting said predetermined operation, and a timestamp upon requesting said predetermined operation.

Claim 15 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said operation requirement requires recording at least authentication data of said user requesting said predetermined operation, document data of said document generated by said predetermined operation, and a timestamp upon requesting said predetermined operation.

Claim 16 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a delivery part delivering document data via a network, the document data being generated by executing said predetermined operation with satisfying said operation requirement enabling a network delivery of said document.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An image forming device, comprising:

a document profile acquisition part transmitting identification information read from a document to an external server providing a document profile, and thereby receiving said document profile from said external server;

an operation requirement selection part selecting at least one operation requirement according to said document profile; and

an operation control part controlling an execution of a predetermined operation <u>to be performed on the document</u> according to the operation requirement selected by said operation requirement selection part.

Claim 18 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said operation requirement is a requirement regarding security for said document.

Claim 19 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said predetermined operation is forming an image by electronic data.

Claim 20 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said predetermined operation is printing said document on a paper.

Claim 21 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said document profile acquisition part includes:

an identification information recognition part recognizing data acquired by performing a predetermined reading operation with respect to said document, as said identification information; and

a communication part transmitting said identification information recognized by said

identification information recognition part to said external server, and receiving said

document profile transmitted from said external server.

Claim 22 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 21, wherein said

identification information recognition part reads either a bar code, a two-dimensional code or

a magnetic code printed on said document, or an RFID provided on said document by

performing said predetermined reading operation so as to recognize the read data as said

identification information when said document is a paper.

Claim 23 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 21, wherein said

identification information recognition part recognizes either a bar code, a two-dimensional

code, numerical information, text information or a dot pattern from electronic image data

generated by reading said document by performing said predetermined reading operation, as

said identification information.

Claim 24 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 23, wherein said

document profile acquisition part includes a portion acquisition part acquiring a

predetermined portion representing a portion or all of said electronic image data,

wherein said communication part transmits said predetermined portion of said

electronic image data to said external server, and receives said document profile from said

external server.

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Claim 25 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, further comprising a user profile acquisition part acquiring a user profile regarding a user requesting said predetermined operation.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The image forming device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said user profile acquisition part includes:

a user identification information acquisition part acquiring user identification information identifying said user from ~~said~~ another user;

a user profile management part relating and managing said user identification information and said user profile;

a user authentication part authenticating said user according to said user identification information; and

a user profile reading part acquiring said user profile related to said user identification information acquired by said user identification information acquisition part by referring to said user profile management part according to a result of the authentication by said user authentication part.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The image forming device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said user profile acquisition part includes:

a user identification information acquisition part acquiring user identification information identifying said user from ~~said~~ another user; and

a user profile request part requesting said user profile from an external server authenticating said user and providing said user profile.

Claim 28 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

an operation requirement judgment part judging whether or not said operation requirement is feasible; and

an operation prohibition part prohibiting said predetermined operation when a result of the judgment by said operation requirement judgment part indicates that said operation requirement is not feasible.

Claim 29 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said operation requirement requires embedding an electronic watermark upon executing said predetermined operation with respect to said document.

Claim 30 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said operation requirement requires embedding a displayable label upon executing said predetermined operation with respect to said document.

Claim 31 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 26, wherein said operation requirement requires embedding a displayable label upon executing said predetermined operation with respect to said document, and

said displayable label contains at least authentication data of said user requesting said predetermined operation, and a timestamp upon requesting said predetermined operation.

Claim 32 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 26, wherein said operation requirement requires recording at least authentication data of said user requesting

said predetermined operation, document data of said document generated by said

predetermined operation, and a timestamp upon requesting said predetermined operation.

Claim 33 (Original): The image forming device as claimed in claim 17, further

comprising a delivery part delivering document data via a network, the document data being

generated by executing said predetermined operation with satisfying said operation

requirement enabling a network delivery of said document.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): A document profile management server comprising:

a communication part receiving document identification information transmitted from

a device connected via a network, the document identification information identifying a

document, and transmitting a document profile related to said document identification

information to said device;

a document profile management part managing said document profile in relation to

said document identification information; and

a document profile acquisition part acquiring said document profile related to said

document identification information received from said device from said document profile

management part.

Claim 35 (Withdrawn): A document profile management server comprising:

a communication part receiving electronic image data transmitted from a device

connected via a network, the electronic image data being generated by reading a document,

and transmitting a document profile corresponding to said electronic image data to said

device;

an identification information acquisition part reading either a bar code, a two-

dimensional code, numerical information, text information or a dot pattern from said

electronic image data so as to acquire a document identification information identifying said

document;

a document profile management part managing said document profile in relation to

said document identification information; and

a document profile acquisition part acquiring said document profile related to said

document identification information acquired from said electronic image data from said

document profile management part.

Claim 36 (Withdrawn): A document processing device comprising a profile

information addition part for performing a predetermined processing with respect to

document data including a document profile added thereto by adding document identification

information related to said document profile,

wherein said profile information addition part includes:

a document profile acquisition part acquiring said document profile from said

document data;

a communication part transmitting said document profile to an external server, and

receiving said document identification information from said external server; and

a data processing part performing said predetermined processing by adding said

document identification information to said document data.

Claim 37 (Withdrawn): A document processing device comprising a profile

information addition part for performing a predetermined processing with respect to

document data including a document profile added thereto by adding electronic image data

corresponding to said document profile,

wherein said profile information addition part includes:

a document profile acquisition part acquiring said document profile from said

document data;

a communication part transmitting said document profile to an external server, and

receiving said electronic image data from said external server; and

a data processing part performing said predetermined processing by adding said

electronic image data to said document data.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn): A document profile management server comprising:

a communication part receiving a document profile transmitted from a device

connected via a network, and transmitting document identification information related to said

document profile to said device;

a document profile management part managing said document identification

information in relation to said document profile; and

an identification information generation part writing said document profile received

from said device in said document profile management part, generating said document

identification information, and causing said document profile management part to manage

said document identification information in relation to said document profile.

Claim 39 (Withdrawn): The document profile management server as claimed in claim

38, further comprising an electronic image data generation part generating either a bar code, a

two-dimensional code, numerical information, text information or a dot pattern as electronic

image data according to said document identification information generated by said

identification information generation part.

Claim 40 (Withdrawn): A document profile management server comprising:

a communication part receiving and transmitting at least one of a document profile,

document identification information and electronic image data to and from a device

connected via a network;

a document profile management part managing said document identification

information in relation to said document profile;

an identification information acquisition part reading either a bar code, a two-

dimensional code, numerical information, text information or a dot pattern from said

electronic image data so as to acquire the document identification information;

a profile acquisition part acquiring said document profile from said document profile

management part according to said document identification information;

an identification information generation part writing said document profile in said

document profile management part, generating said document identification information, and

causing said document profile management part to manage said document identification

information in relation to said document profile; and

an electronic image data generation part generating either a bar code, a two-

dimensional code, numerical information, text information or a dot pattern as the electronic

image data according to said document identification information.

Claim 41 (Withdrawn): An image forming device comprising:

a policy hold part holding a security policy describing a handling rule concerning a

document;

a policy rewriting part rewriting said security policy held by said policy hold part with

a security policy from outside; and

an operation control part controlling an operation with respect to said document

according to said security policy held by said policy hold part.

Claim 42 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 41, further

comprising a communication part performing a communication control via a network,

wherein said policy rewriting part rewrites said security policy held by said policy

hold part with a security policy received by said communication part.

Claim 43 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 42, wherein

said policy rewriting part writes a security policy acquired from outside by said

communication part in said policy hold part upon application of power.

Claim 44 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 42, further

comprising a timer part notifying said communication part of a timing for rewriting said

security policy held by said policy hold part,

wherein said communication part acquires said security policy from a policy

distribution server distributing said security policy via said network.

Claim 45 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 41, further

comprising an interface part reading a security policy from a storage medium storing said

security policy,

wherein said policy rewriting part rewrites said security policy held by said policy

hold part with said security policy read by said interface part.

Claim 46 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 45, further comprising a communication part performing a communication control via a network,

wherein said communication part imparts selection information indicating a selection of a security policy to said policy rewriting part upon receiving said selection information, and

said policy rewriting part rewrites said security policy held by said policy hold part with said security policy read by said interface part according to said selection information.

Claim 47 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 46, wherein said policy hold part holds a plurality of the security policies, and

said policy rewriting part sets one of said security policies held by said policy hold part as a security policy to be enforced according to said selection information.

Claim 48 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 42, wherein said communication part acquires said security policy via said network according to Simple Object Access Protocol.

Claim 49 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 46, wherein said communication part acquires said security policy via said network according to Simple Object Access Protocol.

Claim 50 (Withdrawn): A policy distribution server comprising:

a communication part performing a communication control via a network; and

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a policy management part managing a security policy describing a handling rule

concerning a document,

wherein said communication part distributes said security policy managed by said

policy management part to a device connected via said network.

Claim 51 (Withdrawn): The policy distribution server as claimed in claim 50,

wherein said communication part transmits authentication information simultaneously upon

distributing said security policy.

Claim 52 (Withdrawn): The policy distribution server as claimed in claim 50,

wherein said communication part receives a acquisition request for said security policy

managed by said policy management part from said device connected via said network, and

authentication information of said device, and transmits said security policy to said device

according to a result of authentication based on said authentication information.

Claim 53 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 50, further

comprising an interface writing said security policy in a storage medium,

wherein said policy management part writes said security policy to said storage

medium by said interface.

Claim 54 (Withdrawn): An image forming device comprising:

a rule acquisition part transmitting a document profile regarding a document to an

external server providing a handling rule concerning said document according to said

document profile, and thereby acquiring said handling rule from said external server; and

an operation control part controlling an operation with respect to said document

according to said handling rule acquired by said rule acquisition part.

Claim 55 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 54, wherein

said rule acquisition part includes a communication part controlling a communication with

said external server according to Simple Object Access Protocol.

Claim 56 (Withdrawn): The image forming device as claimed in claim 54, wherein

said rule acquisition part includes:

a communication part controlling a communication with said external server;

a select function hold part holding feasibility information indicating whether or not a

selectable function is executable; and

an operation requirement judgment part judging whether or not an operation

requirement specified by said handling rule to be satisfied for allowing said operation is

feasible by referring to said feasibility information held by said select function hold part,

wherein said operation control part controls said operation with respect to said

document according a result of the judgment by said operation requirement judgment part.

Claim 57 (Withdrawn): A policy interpretation server comprising:

a communication part performing a communication control via a network;

a policy hold part holding a security policy describing a handling rule concerning a

document; and

a policy acquisition part acquiring said handling rule concerning an operation

performed with respect to said document by referring to said security policy held by said

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policy hold part according to a document profile regarding said document and said operation

performed with respect to said document,

wherein said communication part imparts said document profile and said operation

received via said network to said policy acquisition part, and transmits said handling rule

acquired by said policy acquisition part.

Claim 58 (Withdrawn): The policy interpretation server as claimed in claim 57,

further comprising:

a select function hold part holding feasibility information indicating whether or not a

selectable function is executable in each of devices connected via said network; and

an operation requirement judgment part judging whether or not an operation

requirement specified by said handling rule acquired by said policy acquisition part to be

satisfied for allowing said operation is feasible by referring to said feasibility information

held by said select function hold part.

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): An image forming method, comprising:

an identification information reading step of reading identification information of a

document;

an operation requirement selection step of selecting at least one operation requirement

specified according to said identification information; and

an operation control step of controlling an execution of a predetermined operation to

be performed on the document according to the operation requirement selected by said

operation requirement selection step.

Claim 60 (Original): The image forming method as claimed in claim 59, further comprising:

an operation requirement judgment step of judging whether or not said operation requirement is feasible; and

an operation prohibition step of prohibiting said predetermined operation when a result of the judgment by said operation requirement judgment step indicates that said operation requirement is not feasible.

Claim 61 (Currently Amended): An image forming method, comprising:

a document profile acquisition step of transmitting identification information read from a document to an external server providing a document profile, and thereby receiving said document profile from said external server;

an operation requirement selection step of selecting at least one operation requirement according to said document profile; and

an operation control step of controlling an execution of a predetermined operation to be performed on the document according to the operation requirement selected by said operation requirement selection step.

Claim 62 (Original): The image forming method as claimed in claim 61, wherein said document profile acquisition step includes:

an identification information recognition step of recognizing data acquired by performing a predetermined reading operation with respect to said document, as said identification information; and

a communication step of transmitting said identification information recognized by

said identification information recognition step to said external server, and receiving said

document profile transmitted from said external server.

Claim 63 (Withdrawn): A method for a computer to perform:

a policy hold step of holding a security policy describing a handling rule concerning a

document;

a policy rewriting step of rewriting said security policy held by said policy hold step

with a security policy from outside; and

an operation control step of controlling an operation with respect to said document

according to said security policy held by said policy hold step.

Claim 64 (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium encoded with

instructions, which when executed by ~~executable program causing~~ a computer causes the

computer to perform a method comprising:

an identification information reading step of reading identification information of a

document;

an operation requirement selection step of selecting at least one operation requirement

specified according to said identification information;

an operation control step of controlling an execution of a predetermined operation to

be performed on the document according to the operation requirement selected by said

operation requirement selection step;

an operation requirement judgment step of judging whether or not said operation

requirement is feasible; and

an operation prohibition step of prohibiting said predetermined operation when a

result of the judgment by said operation requirement judgment step indicates that said

operation requirement is not feasible.

Claim 65 (Currently Amended): A computer <u>readable storage medium encoded with</u>

<u>instructions, which when executed by a computer</u> ~~executable program causing a computer~~

<u>causes the computer</u> to perform <u>a method comprising</u>:

a document profile acquisition step of transmitting identification information read

from a document to an external server providing a document profile, and thereby receiving

said document profile from said external server;

an operation requirement selection step of selecting at least one operation requirement

according to said document profile; and

an operation control step of controlling an execution of a predetermined operation <u>to</u>

<u>be performed on the document</u> according to the operation requirement selected by said

operation requirement selection step.

Claim 66 (Withdrawn): A computer executable program causing a computer to

perform:

a policy hold step of holding a security policy describing a handling rule concerning a

document;

a policy rewriting step of rewriting said security policy held by said policy hold step

with a security policy from outside; and

an operation control step of controlling an operation with respect to said document

according to said security policy held by said policy hold step.

Claim 67 (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium storing a ~~program causing~~ <u>instructions which when executed by</u> a computer<u>, cause the computer</u> to perform <u>a method comprising</u>:

an identification information reading step of reading identification information of a document;

an operation requirement selection step of selecting at least one operation requirement specified according to said identification information;

an operation control step of controlling an execution of a predetermined operation <u>to be performed on the document</u> according to the operation requirement selected by said operation requirement selection step;

an operation requirement judgment step of judging whether or not said operation requirement is feasible; and

an operation prohibition step of prohibiting said predetermined operation when a result of the judgment by said operation requirement judgment step indicates that said operation requirement is not feasible.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium storing a ~~program causing~~ <u>instructions which when executed by</u> a computer<u>, cause the computer</u> to perform <u>a method comprising</u>:

a document profile acquisition step of transmitting identification information read from a document to an external server providing a document profile, and thereby receiving said document profile from said external server;

an operation requirement selection step of selecting at least one operation requirement according to said document profile;

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an operation control step of controlling an execution of a predetermined operation <u>to</u>

<u>be performed on the document</u> according to the operation requirement selected by said

operation requirement selection step;

an operation requirement judgment step of judging whether or not said operation

requirement is feasible; and

an operation prohibition step of prohibiting said predetermined operation when a

result of the judgment by said operation requirement judgment step indicates that said

operation requirement is not feasible.

Claim 69 (Withdrawn): A computer readable storage medium storing a program

causing a computer to perform:

a policy hold step of holding a security policy describing a handling rule concerning a

document;

a policy rewriting step of rewriting said security policy held by said policy hold step

with a security policy from outside; and

an operation control step of controlling an operation with respect to said document

according to said security policy held by said policy hold step.